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SUBJECT: THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

Fighting remains light, with only limited shellings and ground probes reported throughout the country. The commanding officer of Military Region 3, Lt. Gen. Thuan, is recommending to President Thieu that the government close the Ranger base at Ton Le Chan located on the province border of Tay Ninh and Binh Long. The base is the only remaining government position along a Communist access corridor to Saigon, and has been under Communist pressure for over a year. Groundfire frequently prevents air evacuation of the seriously wounded and the base can only be resupplied by air.

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